



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

ELITE HEALTHCARE NORTH DALLAS
PO BOX 1210
FRISCO TX 75034

Respondent Name

MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY CO

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

MAY 28, 2013

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-13-2476-01

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "I would like to inform you that I received a letter from attorney Flahive, Ogden, & Latson stating that I did not file the MFDR timely. However, I would like to remind you in your determination, that per RULE 133.20, this is an exception to the timely filing rule. This case was denied from the beginning and way later in the treatment, WON at the Contested Case Hearing. Therefore, the 'timely filing' argument (sic) is invalid. Especially, considering the fact all other dates were paid when we resubmitted them after the CCH was won. So this makes their argument (sic) not only invalid, but contradicting."

Amount in Dispute: \$425.91

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The provider's request was not datestamped as received by DWC MRD until 3/28/13. Consequently, it is not timely as to the DOS at issue per Rule 133.307(c). The provider has failed to invoke the jurisdiction of DWC MRD as to these dates. *Please dismiss.*"

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson, PO Drawer 201329, Austin, TX 78720

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
December 13, 2009 February 10, 2010 February 25, 2010 May 24, 2010 August 3, 2011 October 11, 2011	CPT Codes 99214, 99213, 97140, 97110	\$425.91	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for health care providers to pursue a medical fee dispute.
2. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - 16 – Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication.
 - LN – This line was included in the reconsideration (sic) of this previously reviewed bill. This bill is a reconsideration of a previously reviewed bill, allowance amounts do not reflect previous payments.
 - 4 – The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used or a required modifier is missing.

Issue

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file with the Division's MDR Section or waive the right to MDR. The Division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MDR Section receives the request. (A) A request for medical fee dispute resolution that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The dated of the service in dispute are December 3, 2009 through December 11, 2011. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on May 28, 2013. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services involve issues identified in §133.307, subparagraph (B). According to 28 Texas Administrative Code 133.307(c)(1)(B) a request may be filed later than one year after the date(s) of service if: (i) a related compensability, extent of injury, or liability dispute under Labor Code Chapter 410 has been filed, **the medical fee dispute shall be filed not later than 60 days after the date the requestor receives the final decision, inclusive of all appeals, on compensability, extent of injury, or liability** (emphasis added). Review of the contested case hearing Decision and Order finds that the hearing was held on April 6, 2010 and signed by the hearing officer the same day. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Division on May 28, 2013. The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute. For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by both parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	February 28, 2014 Date
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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.